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Beckstrand Cancer Foundation's Diamond and Pearl Ball Sparkles

WHAT: The Balboa Bay Club & Resort was the backdrop for the Havana-themed Diamond and Pearl Ball, which raised \$1.1 million in support of the Beckstrand Cancer Foundation. The seventh-anniversary gala honored three-time cancer survivor and former All Pro NFL Center Rich Saul, and gave a special memorial tribute to Monika Baker, who passed away from melanoma in 2009. More than 400 guests enjoyed an evening featuring authentic Cuban music and entertainment by Combo Libertad and "Tropicana" nightclub cabaret dancers, as well as a casino after-party. Heartfelt speeches were given by the evening's honoree, Rich Saul, as well as Eva La Rue and gala chair Renetta Caya.

WHEN: Oct. 16

WHERE: Balboa Bay Club & Resort

WHY: Located in Newport Beach, Beckstrand Cancer Foundation is a nonprofit focused on enhancing the quality of life of cancer patients and their families. (beckstrand.org)

FACTOID

Pioneering oncologist Dr. Grant Beckstrand brought the most advanced understanding and skill in cancer treatment to our area. Recognizing the significance and importance of his patients' non-medical needs, he searched for a solution to the financial burden of cancer and its treatment. In 1974, Beckstrand Cancer Foundation was formed and named in honor of Grant's distinguished service to thousands of cancer patients in the southwestern United States.

Cabaret dancers entertain.



Renetta Caya and Lil Spitzer.



Jan Salta, Eva La Rue and Mike Salta.



Eva La Rue, Lil Spitzer and Dave and Holly Wilson.

CARLA RHEA



Renetta Caya, Eva LaRue, George O'Connell and Lil Spitzer.



Lauren Micke and Alexandra Spitzer.



Balboa Bay Club & Resort.



Rich Saul and George O'Connell.

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